



# **MADISON NGUYEN**

## **COUNCILMEMBER**

### **CITY OF SAN JOSÉ**

DISTRICT **7**

## **November/December 2006 Newsletter**

### **Dear District 7 Residents:**

It is holiday season once again and the end of another year! I hope 2006 was a good year for all of you.

This year was filled with listening and learning and responding to you. My staff and I celebrated our first year anniversary on September 20<sup>th</sup>. In our first year, we have accomplished many things for the district. Some of those projects include: pavement of Towers Lane, completion of Bellevue Park, groundbreaking of the Viet Cultural and Heritage Gardens, a new Firestation at Communications Hill, and many others.

Some of our future District 7 projects include: the renovation of the Solari and Seventrees Library Community Center, Lucretia Avenue and Senter Road improvements and the Citywide SNI pilot program in the Seventrees neighborhood. Of course, we are able to complete these projects with the help and support of our constituency and our colleagues at City Hall. Thank you for your support. We look forward to serving you for many years to come.

As we venture on to a new year, I would like to THANK the residents of District 7 for your patience and support as we work together to resolve issues and build a better community. I am proud to serve a district that is so enthusiastic about making our city one of the best places to live and work. I look forward to hearing from you. Once again, thank you for making my first year in office successful!

Happy Holidays!

*Madison P. Nguyen*

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***Remember to Vote  
Tuesday, November 7th!***

***Make your Voice Count  
VOTE!***

**Polls are open  
7am-8pm**



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## District 7 Projects

### Neighborhood Association Meetings

Dates and locations are subject to change. Please contact associations to confirm meeting details.

#### **Alma Neighborhood Association**

(408) 277-2982

Alma Senior Center

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at 7:00 pm

#### **Tully-Senter SNI NAC**

Santee Community Action Center

(408) 277-2980

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm

#### **Lanai Neighborhood Association**

Resources For Families and Communities

(408) 277-2982

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm

#### **Washington Area Community Coalition SNI NAC**

(408) 277-5202

Alma Senior Center

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm

#### **KONA SNI NAC Meeting** (408) 277-2982

Boys & Girls Club

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at 6:30 pm

#### **Kennedy Neighborhood Association**

(408) 277-2980

Kennedy Elementary School

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm

#### **McLaughlin Corridor Neighborhood Association**

(408) 365-1300

Tully Community Library

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:00pm

#### **Senter Road Creekside Neighborhood Association**

St Maria Goretti Church

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of Every Month 7:00 pm

#### **Rocksprings Neighborhood Association**

Rocksprings and Needles Dr. at Tot Lot

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month, 6:30pm

#### **West Evergreen Neighborhood Action Committee**

SNI NAC

(408) 224-0415

O.B. Whaley School

4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month at 6:30pm

### *Solari Community Center and Seventrees Library*

Now that the design for the center and library has been developed, please join us on the next phase of the project. On December 13<sup>th</sup>, a meeting will be held in Solari Community Center's Gym at 6:30 to hear community input on what you think about the final design layout. This useful meeting will serve to prioritize and accommodate the needs of the community.

### *Facility Re-Use*

At this point, all informational public input meetings regarding Facility Re-Use have been conducted. The Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhoods Services staff will bring the results of the meetings along with facility cost assessments to City Council during the Council Study Session on December 8, 2006 for discussion and direction. If interested, please attend the meeting held in the City Council Chambers from 1:30pm to 4:30pm.

### *Alma Senior and Youth Center*

On October 12<sup>th</sup>, a meeting was held to hear the community's input on the schematic plan for the Alma Senior and Youth Center Improvement project. The plan was drafted by RDA staff using community input from previous years. RDA staff is currently working with the CDGB committee to apply for a 18 month (pending one design item) extension on the usage of the grant money designated for the center.

### *Nisich Park*

After the community meeting held on October 4<sup>th</sup>, the design plan for Nisich Park was slightly altered at the request of those who attended and voiced their preferences for the park. The revised site plan is currently being drafted. A copy of the draft and the date of when the concept will be presented to the Park and Recreation Commission will be mailed to the attendees of the Nisich Park community meetings.





### Useful Numbers: City-Wide Phone List

<b>Call Center</b>	<b>535-3500</b>
<b>Non –Emergency</b>	<b>311</b>
Graffiti/Litter	277-2758
Animal Care	578-7297
Child Abuse Reporting	299-2071
City Arborist	277-2762
Code Enforcement	277-4528
Crime Prevention	277-4133
Crime Stoppers	947-7867
Drug Hotline	971-3784
Domestic Violence Ctr.	277-3700
Department of Transportation	535-3850
Education, Office of	453-6500
Gang Hotline	277-4264
Garbage & Recycling	535-3515
Hazardous Materials	535-7750
Housing	975-4480
Neighborhood Development Ctr.	723-4114
Parking Enforcement	277-5305
Senior Programs	277-4561
Sewer Problems	277-4373
Sidewalks	277-3158
Street Lights	277-5517
Street Maintenance	277-4373
Street Sweeping	535-3515
Volunteer San Jose	535-3500
Vehicle Abatement	277-4477
Yard Waste Collection	535-3515
Youth Services	535-3570



## *Legislative Updates*

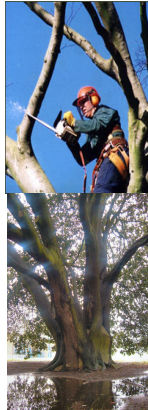
### **Illegal Tree Removal**

Stiffer fines for tree removal without a permit are now in place for residents and companies in the city of San José. Fines apply to street trees (protected by the Department of Transportation) greater than six feet tall and trees on private property (protected by the Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement) with a trunk larger than 56” in circumference. Fines for illegal street tree removal will now range from \$500-\$2000 and fines for private property trees will range from \$1500-\$2000. Both the property owner and the tree removal company or individuals are subjects to the fines.

\*For more information about street tree permits, contact the City Arborist at (408) 277-2762 or email [arborist@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:arborist@sanjoseca.gov)

\*For more information about private property permits, contact Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement at (408) 277-4528

If you witness the illegal removal of a tree, please call the city’s 24-hour call center at (408) 535-3500 to report it.



### **Evergreen East Hills Visioning Project**

The third draft for the Evergreen EHV Project, which will include housing and transportation improvements along with other amenities in the Evergreen and East Hills area, has been finalized and will go to City Council on December 5<sup>th</sup> for approval. City staff and interested community individuals have come together in various community meetings to construct a plan that will fulfill the intended goals of the project in the best possible manner.



For up- to- date and complete information on the Evergreen Visioning project, please visit the Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement page in the city’s website at [www.sanjoseca.gov](http://www.sanjoseca.gov)

### **Vending Machines**

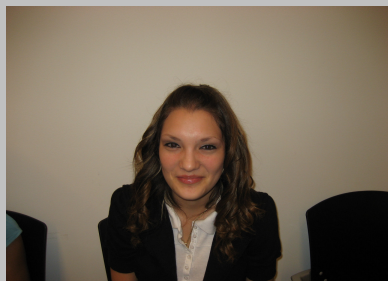
With nearly one in three California middle school students overweight, San Jose has taken a lead in creating a healthier environment by requiring vending machine operators to provide healthier snacks for the city’s branch library patrons, especially children. Vending machines located in city libraries will now include 100% healthy food and drink choices. The new vending machine ordinance also requires vending machines located throughout the city to contain at least 50% healthy food and drink choices. The aim of this ordinance is to encourage healthy eating habits among all, especially children, in order to combat the obesity trend in America.





# Announcements

## Our New Youth Commissioner Sasha Bernal



At the October 24<sup>th</sup> City Council Session, Sasha Bernal was sworn in as the Youth Commissioner for District 7.

Sasha Bernal is a senior at Branham High School. She is very involved with her school and community. After high school, she plans to study criminal justice. She is excited about her new role with the City of San Jose and is looking forward to working with you.

## Commendation to John Nguyen



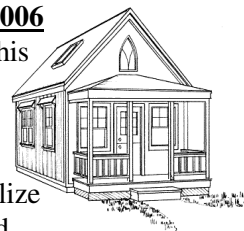
Mayor Ron Gonzales and Councilmember Madison Nguyen presented a commendation to John Nguyen for his dedication to volunteerism, his constant participation and assistance with various events throughout the City of San José, and his leadership and community spirit.

## Saturday Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement inspectors are now available on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. They will respond to regular complaints and also inspect weekend related activities, such as illegal auto repairs, illegal temporary signs, and un-permitted construction. This new service is available for the next six months on a trial basis and will be evaluated for long-term implementation. To reach Saturday Code Enforcement, please call San José's Call Center at 408.535.3500.

## "Backyard Cottage" Pilot Runs through December 2006

Need extra living space? From now through the end of this year, you may be eligible to build an attached or detached residential living unit, called a secondary unit, on your property. The City's secondary unit pilot program also enables those who meet the criteria to legalize existing units on their property. For complete criteria and application requirements, visit the City's website at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/planning>. To schedule a free preliminary review of your site or application or to ask questions, email [secondary.units@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:secondary.units@sanjoseca.gov) or call City planning staff at 408.535.3555.



## "Save Me a Spot in College" Scholarship Contest

This contest is an effort to hear young Californians speak about the need for college access for the growing number of young people in the state, and how a college education can improve their lives and provide a better future for California.

- All California 6th-12th grade students are eligible.
- Register and get more information today by visiting [www.collegecampaign.org/contest](http://www.collegecampaign.org/contest) or call 1-800-459-9586.
- Students may submit a written word, poster, radio/TV ad answering the contest question: *"Why should California leaders save you and your peers a spot in college?"*
- Deadline for all contest submissions is **March 15, 2007**.



## "Dollars and Sense"

Catholic Charities is hosting their 3rd Annual Financial Education Day sponsored by Citibank on November 18th. The event will focus on four areas of financial planning: **building income, increasing assets, reducing expenses, and reducing debt**. Directed towards Santa Clara County low-income families, including youth, this event will allow participants to learn about financial opportunities and services available to them.

Financial Education Day will include three layers of programming:

- FREE on-site tax preparation
- Workshop Sessions
- Resource Fair

For more information please contact Brooke Scharnke at 408-325-5223 or [bscharnke@ccsi.org](mailto:bscharnke@ccsi.org)



## City Wide Meetings:

**City Council:** November 14 at 1:30pm and 7:00pm, November 21 at 1:30pm, December 5 at 1:30pm and 7:00pm  
December 12 at 1:30pm, January 9 at 1:30pm---City Hall Council Chambers

## **Study Sessions: (All Meetings will be held at City Hall Council Chambers)**

11/28/2006 at 9am-12pm: 2005-2006 Annual Report and Preliminary 2007-2008 General Fund Forecast

11/30/2006 at 9am-12pm: Provisions of a Draft Sunshine Ordinance

12/8/2006 at 1:30pm-4:30pm: Facility Re-Use City Council Study Session

12/15/2006 at 9:00am-12pm: Coyote Valley Specific Plan

1/15/2007 at 9:00am-12pm: Solar and Energy Issues



## 15th Annual Mayor's Youth Basketball Tournament

The Mayor's Annual Youth Basketball Tournament will be held December 2-3 and December 9-10, 2006, at the Camden Community Center. The championship Game will be held on Sunday, December 10th at 6:30 p.m. Sixteen teams consisting of eighth grade females throughout Santa Clara County will compete for the championship title. Over 500 spectators will attend the tournament as they cheer on their favorite team to the Championship Game. If you would like to participate in the Awards Ceremony immediately following the Championship Game, please contact Joe Albayalde, Tournament Director, at (408) 871-3826.



## The Police in San Jose: A Community Dialogue



**Topic:** What's Working? What's Not? What Can Be Improved? What Are Your Concerns?

**Who:** The City of San Jose Human Rights Commission and Independent Police Auditor want to hear from you.

**When:** Thursday, November 30, 2006 at 6pm-8pm

**Where:** San Jose City College, Community Arts and Lectures Program, College Theater  
2100 Moorpark Avenue, San Jose

For More Information: (408)794-6226 or (408) 535-8110



**Topic:** Transportation and Traffic Calming

**Where:** Tully Community Library

880 Tully Road, San José, CA 95111

**When:** Thursday, **January 18, 2007** at 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Who:** Hosted by **Councilmember Madison Nguyen** along with

Representatives from Department of Transportation,

Code Enforcement, Planning, and San Jose Police Department

Your concerns and issues are important!

For more information on this event, please call (408) 535-4907 or email us at [district7@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district7@sanjoseca.gov)



*Snacks and Refreshments will be served*



## Holiday Events



### THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON: NOVEMBER 18, 2006 at 11am-1pm

Solari Community Center will present a FREE Thanksgiving Lunch to the community as a THANK YOU for supporting programs, activities, special events, sports leagues and numerous services every year in Council District 7. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to enjoy a delicious meal of turkey with all the dressings, along with a beverage, coffee, and dessert. Cost is FREE.

Location: Solari Community Center, 3590 Cas Drive, San Jose, CA 95111  
408-224-0415



### CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK: NOVEMBER 25, 2006- JANUARY 1, 2007

Plaza de Cesar Chavez

Downtown San José

9:00am-Midnight

Contact: (408) 995-5512

[www.christmasinthepark.com](http://www.christmasinthepark.com)



### THE 25TH ANNUAL SAN JOSE HOLIDAY PARADE

December 3, 2006

Downtown San Jose

Beginning at 8:30am

Contact: (408) 793-5512

[www.sanjoseholidayparade.com/home.shtml](http://www.sanjoseholidayparade.com/home.shtml)



### FAMILY GIVING TREE: DECEMBER 19-23, 2006

The Tully/Senter Strong Neighborhoods Initiative in conjunction with the Family Giving Tree will be hosting holiday events in the following neighborhoods: Kennedy, Santee and Rocksprings. Needy children and families have been identified for the celebrations. We are asking for donations of gift wrapping paper, three Christmas trees and holiday decorations to help us with the celebrations. Santa Claus is recruiting helpers for each celebration.

For more information, contact the Tully/Senter SNI office at 277-2980 and ask for Patricia, Teresa or Hung.



### WINTER CRAFT FAIR: DECEMBER 2, 2006

You are invited to participate in Solari Community Center's 1st Annual Winter Craft Fair. Imagine handmade holiday decorations and gifts for the season. Vendors will offer a variety of items to be sold during this special holiday event. We welcome you as a customer or a vendor. All crafts must be original hand crafted items. Vendors will not be able to sell food. Cost: \$10 / space. Time 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. For reservations or additional information call 277-4643.